



ANNO TRICESIMO-OCTAVO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Montreal,
37 Vict., Chap. 51.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

WHEREAS it has been represented, by petition, that Preamble.
the corporation of the city of Montreal requires, for
the better administration of its municipal affairs, certain
amendments to its charter of incorporation, and it is expe-
dient to grant thereto more ample powers as regards public
health and other purposes; Her Majesty, by and with the
advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts
as follows:

1. Besides the purposes for which the said city may, by New by-laws.
section 123 of the said act, 37 Vict., chap. 51, pass by-laws,
the council of the said city, is hereby authorized to pass
by-laws for the following purposes, that is to say:

a. To enforce a complete and efficient system of vaccina- System of
tion, to establish offices for that purpose, to appoint officers, vaccination.
to authorize them to make domiciliary visits, to destroy the
linen, clothing and any other article infected with small-
pox or any other contagious disease, to isolate patients la- Contagious
bouring under any such disease whensoever the said offi- diseases.
cers shall deem it necessary for the welfare of such pa-
tients, or of the public at large, to cause any person who
shall have died of any of the said diseases, to be buried
within a short delay, and generally to take such measures
as the council of the said city may deem necessary to regu-
late, control, prevent or arrest the progress of small-pox or
other contagious, endemic or infectious disease in the said
city; any law now in force to the contrary notwithstand-
ing.

b. To compel owners of vacant lots, to remove the snow For removing
from the sidewalks in front of such lots; snow.

For restraining
games, &c.

c. To restrain gaming and playing at cards, dice or other game of chance in any hotel, tavern, dwelling, shop, or in any house or place kept for that purpose, and to hold responsible therefor the occupant, tenant, lessee and the proprietor when such proprietor is the occupant of the establishment wherein such gaming takes place, as well as the persons who practice the same ;

For laying and
extending tun-
nels, &c.

d. To lay and extend its main sewers or tunnels in any adjoining municipality, and to levy upon such municipality its share of contribution towards the cost of construction of the said main sewers or tunnels according to the area to be drained thereby, and in proportion to the benefit to be derived by such municipality, and to determine the amount of such contribution to be borne by the said municipality, through appraisers to be appointed by the Council of the said city, and by such adjoining municipality, under the provisions of section 200 of the said act 37 Vic., cap. 51, provided that so soon as any such municipality or any proprietor therein shall make use of any such main drain or sewer, the sum to be contributed by the said municipality, shall be paid by means of a rate of interest at six per cent, and a sinking fund of two per cent to be paid annually by the said municipality, until the final redemption of the amount of such contribution ;

Contribution.

The violation
of by-laws.

e. To render any person who shall violate any of the by-laws which shall be enforced in pursuance of the act, 37 Vict., cap. 51, and amendments thereto, liable to the penalties imposed by section 124 of the said act, for each and every day that such violation or contravention shall last, which shall be held to be a distinct and separate offence, for each and every day as aforesaid ;

The fire
escapes.

f. To compel proprietors of buildings occupied as hotels, manufactories or tenement houses or schools, and such other buildings as in the discretion of the council may require fire escapes, to provide the same, with ample means of escape in case of fire, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the council.

S. 124, 37 V., c.
51, shall apply.

2. Section 124 of the said act shall apply to the by-laws which the council of the said city is authorized to pass by the preceding sections.

Properties
exempt from
taxes.

3. Churches, parsonages, and bishops' palaces are exempt from all taxes.† The institutions occupied for charitable objects are exempt from municipal ordinary and annual taxes.

Drain or sewer,
&c.

4. When the corporation of the said city shall cause a drain or sewer to be constructed, it may at the same time

cause to be made the connections between such drain or sewer and the private drains of proprietors, and include the cost thereof in the assessment to be made to defray the expense of constructing such drain or sewer.

5. It shall be lawful for the corporation of the said city of Montreal to acquire, by amicable arrangement or by forced expropriation, one or more pieces of land in any of the adjoining municipalities, and to use the same as a place of deposit for the mud, filth and offal from the said city; provided that such piece of land be isolated, and at a distance of at least one mile from any village of such municipality, the locality in which such deposit is to be made, to be designated by the municipal council of the municipality within the limits of which the same may be acquired as above. In default of such municipal council designating the locality of such deposit within three months after notice to that effect to be given by the council of the city of Montreal, the said city council shall then be empowered to select the said locality.

Acquisition of lands for deposit of mud, &c.

Proviso:

6. In case there should, at the passing of this act or hereafter, exist any clerical error, omission or informality in the proceedings in expropriation taken by the city of Montreal, or in the making out of the special roll of assessment prepared to defray the cost of the improvement, whether such error, omission or informality be committed by the commissioners, or any of them, or by those who are by law entrusted with such proceedings, the superior court or any judge thereof, may, upon a petition to that effect, permit in its discretion, the rectification of such error, omission or informality, upon such condition as to costs as the court or judge may order.

Informalities in the proceedings in expropriation may be rectified.

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7. The word "exclusive" mentioned in the first line of section 129, of the charter of the said city, is struck out.

S. 129 of the charter, amended.

8. Any act or part of any act inconsistent with the provisions of the present act, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Inconsistent provisions.

9. In the event of the municipality of Côteau St. Louis establishing a weighing machine for weighing stone and lime, the certificate of the public weigher duly appointed shall be considered sufficient for the sale in the said city, of the stone or lime to which the said certificate relates, and no other weighing of the said stone or lime shall be required or necessary in the said city; provided always, that the city of Montreal shall have

Weighing stone and lime at Côteau St. Louis.

Inspector of
weighing
machines.

the right to appoint an inspector of the said weighing machine, or a person whose duty it shall be to give the said certificates or to have charge of the said weighing machine, the revenue of which shall however belong to the municipality of Côteau St. Louis.

Indemnity to
the corp. of
Mont.

Provided also that to render this provision of the law available, the said municipality of Coteau St. Louis shall indemnify the corporation of the city of Montreal for all expenses incurred for the purchase and establishment of the weighing machine in operation in the said city at the time of the passing of this act.

Coming into
force of this
act.

10. This act shall come into force immediately after its sanction.